

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0337

Title: Revise universal system benefits law

Primary

Sponsor: Ernest Bergsagel

Status: 2nd Reading

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$44,511	\$38,415
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$44,511)	(\$38,415)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Revenue will enact the administration and review provisions of the bill.
2. The bill is effective on passage and approval. DOR fiscal impacts will be incurred beginning in FY2000.
3. Under this proposal, the DOR would assume the following responsibilities:
 - a) obtain and maintain all documentation required to make a determination of qualifying credits, including the annual reports of activities relating to universal systems benefits programs filed by utilities, large customers, and cooperative utilities; documentation maintained by a utility or large customer filing for a credit that supports the claim for the credit; and any additional detail documentation required by the department during the course of initial or formal review processes challenging the credits;

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- b) establish and maintain separate accounts for funds deposited for universal system benefits programs other than low-income energy assistance, and for funds deposited for universal system benefit programs other than low-income energy assistance;
 - c) adopt rules on or before January 1, 2000 specifying acceptable universal system benefits programs credits and expenditures, and adopting procedures for challenged credits;
 - d) and adopt and implement initial review and formal review processes and procedures for making determinations regarding qualifications of challenged credits for universal system benefits programs.
4. The department estimates that it will require 1.00 FTE to administer the bill, and \$2,000 of the FY 2000 operating costs is a computer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00

Expenditures:

Personal Services	36,144	35,893
Operating Expenses	<u>8,367</u>	<u>2,522</u>
TOTAL	\$44,511	\$38,415

Funding:

General Fund (01)	\$44,511	\$38,415
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